



## Daniel Laking

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*“Daniel is incredibly sharp, with an ability to absorb and analyse large volumes of information quickly and accurately, following which he formulates sound advice and strategy.” The Legal 500 2024*

Daniel has a broad civil litigation and public law practice, specialising principally in the fields of personal injury and clinical negligence, insurance fraud, costs and litigation funding, inquests, inquiries and investigations, and health and safety. He is ranked in The Legal 500 in the areas of clinical negligence and costs.

He is a proficient and experienced advocate, having appeared in tribunals, County Courts, the Crown Court, the Coroner’s Court, and in the High Court, both led and as sole counsel. Alongside his court work, he has a busy advisory and paperwork practice.

Daniel is familiar working for a wide range of clients, from individuals to corporations and government departments. He is currently instructed as junior counsel to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and is appointed to the Attorney General’s C Panel.

Daniel is a specialist contributor to Bullen & Leake’s Precedents of Pleadings, a contributing expert to Lexis Nexis PSL in the fields of personal injury, clinical negligence and dispute resolution, and is a trustee of Pro Bono Community, a charity that provides training and placements to law students in advice centres across London. He also volunteers for the Independent Provider of Special Education Advice (IPSEA), a charity offering legal advice to parents of children with special educational needs.

## Areas of expertise

Personal Injury

-- Insurance Fraud

-- Product Liability

-- Health and Safety

Clinical Negligence

Investigations

Inquests

Costs and Litigation Funding

## -- Product Liability

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Daniel has a specialist practice in product liability. He has been involved in a number of claims arising out of allegedly defective products in a wide range of industries. He is comfortable pursuing and defending cases brought under the Consumer Protection Act 1987 as well as in negligence and contract. He advises on appropriate defendants in both domestic and international contexts and is familiar with the strict liability nature of such claims. He is well-placed to act for claimants and defendants alike.

Recent cases include:

- A claim arising out of a defective valve in domestic heating apparatus
- Defending a large clothing manufacturer against allegations of defective clothing
- Claims arising out of defective household appliances such as dishwashers and washing machines

Daniel's product liability practice complements his other areas of work, in particular health and safety, personal injury and property damage. He is able to digest large amounts of technical expert evidence and give concise advice as to strategy and next steps in such cases.

## Memberships

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- Personal Injury Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit

## Qualifications

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### Education

- New College, Oxford: BA (Hons) Music
- City University, London: GDL (Commendation)
- City Law School, London: BPTC (Outstanding)

### Scholarships

- Buchanan Prize
- Shelford Scholarship
- Lord Denning Scholarship
- Lord Haldane Scholarship
- Hardwicke Entrance Award

## Additional Information

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### Appointments

- Trustee, Pro Bono Community
- Lexis Nexus Panel Expert
- Executive Committee, Personal Injury Bar Association
- Author, Bullen & Leake's Precedents of Pleadings, Product Liability

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